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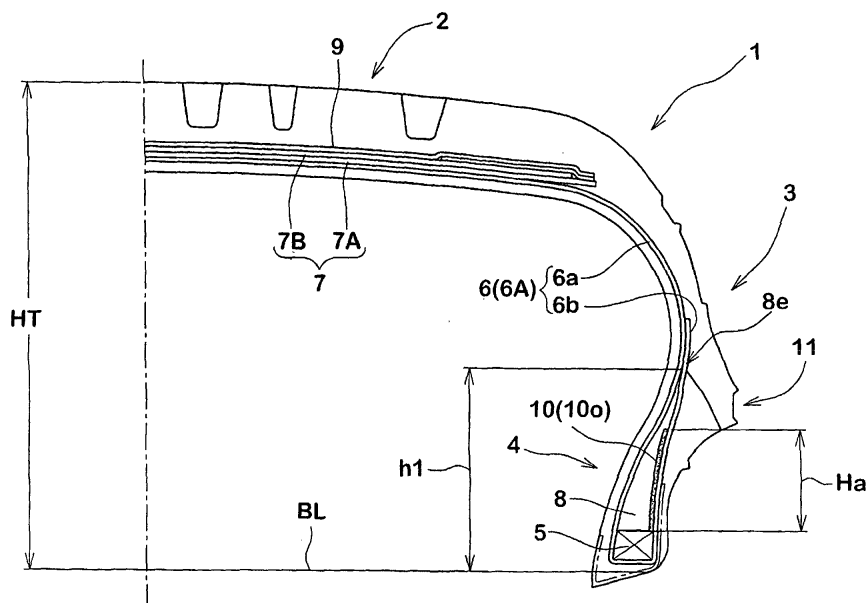
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(54) **Pneumatic radial tire**

(57) A bead portion of a tire has a short fiber reinforcing rubber layer (10) extending along a side surface of a bead apex rubber (8) from a bead core (5) to a height position which is lower than an radially outer end of the

bead apex rubber. The short fiber reinforcing rubber layer has short fibers compounded at an amount of 10 to 30 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the rubber, and the short fibers are oriented in the tire circumferential direction.

Fig.1



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